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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: SCHEDULING

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1. USIS PHOTOS OF DAULATPUR-NASIRABAD VILLAGE DESPATCHED
DECEMBER 1 TO DAVID ANDERSON IN OUR UNCLASSIFIED POUCH.
PHOTOS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT MONDAY, DECEMBER 5.
POUCH IS JUST AS FAST AND MUCH SAFER THAN INTERNATIONAL MAIL
FROM HERE. AERIAL PHOTOS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

2. IN OUR VIEW IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE ENTIRE
PRESS CONTINGENT IN VILLAGE VISIT. OPEN SPACE IN FRONT OF
SCHOOL COULD ACCOMODATE PERHAPS AS MANY AS 200 NON-VILLAGERS,
INCLUDING ENLARGED PRESS POOL AND 25 TO 30 VEHICLES. ON
WALK THROUGH VILLAGE TO NARROWNESS OF LANES WOULD CAUSE LARGE
GROUP TO BE STRUNG OUT FOR CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE. WE ESTIMATE
VILLAGE POPULATION AT ABOUT 1800.

3. BEFORE DEVELOPING FURTHER DETAILS ON THIS EVENT WE WOULD
PREFER TO WAIT SEVERAL DAYS TO SEE IF INDIANS COME UP WITH
ANY ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS.

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4. WE BELIEVE THAT A VILLAGE VISIT COULD HELP TO UNDERSCORE
THE CONGRUENCE OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S EMPHASIS ON DEVOT-
ING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO IMPROVING THE LOT OF THE RURAL
POOR AND OUR OWN INTEREST IN SEEING THAT ANY BILATERAL ASSIS-
TANCE PROVIDED TO INDIA REACHES THE POOREST ELEMENT IN INDIAN
SOCIETY, THE VAST MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE

VILLAGES OF INDIA. MOREOVER, THE INDIANS ARE AWARE OF THE
PRESIDENT'S RURAL BACKGROUND AND WOULD BE GRATIFIED BY HIS
INTEREST IN THEIR RURAL SOCIETY.
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